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Special Message of the President.

ent to the Senate to-day the following mea-age, accompanying his approval of the new heater bill:

To the Senate of the United States

POETRY.

AT THE CHURCH GATE.

BY W. M. THACKERAY. Although I enter not, Yet roundabout the spot Ofttimes I hover; And near the sacred gate With longing eyes I wait Expectant of her.

My lady comes at last, Timid and stepping for And hastening thither, With modest eyes downcast; she comes—she's here—she's past May heaven go with her.

Pour out your praise or plaint Mockly and duly; I will not enter there. To sully your pure prayer With thought unruly.

But suffer me to pace Around the forbidden place, Around the forbidden place, Lingering a minute, Like outcast spirits who wait And see through heaven's gate Angels within it.

MISCELLANY.

SALLY'S TRIP TO THE CITY.

BY MRS, DENISON. In the course of human events, it hap pened that the wife of a country farmer named Pringle, found herself in want of dry-goods to supply needs of her growing

mily.
"I don't know what I shall do, pa, if
"I don't know what I shall do, pa, if you can't let me have some money," she said, one evening when the young fry had gone to bed. "The girls must have new frocks, and we're in want of almost every

thing."
"I can let you have fifty dollars, if that will do," said Farmer John, taking a big yellow book from his coat-pocket, "I sold a bit of land to-day, and got half the money

"Now if that isn't a providence!" ex-"Now it that 'isn't a providence!" ex-claimed his wife, stopping her knitting for a moment. "With judgment that'll git about all I want, I guess. I'll start Monday."

The providence that had furnished the money did not seem to smile upon the in-tention, for on Monday little Johnny was sick with the measles, and no end of trou-

"It does beat all," sighed Mrs. Pringle, "when I've got every thing ready, even to the ticket. I've just got to give up going, and there's Miss Mercy engaged to come

and nere's Miss Merey engaged to come and sew to-morrow."

"Why can't I go, ma?" a-ked Sally, the oldest daughter of the Pringles, now entering her seventeenth year. "I'm sure, mother, I could buy things as well

The answer was a little, nervous laugh. "It's likely; you never went to the city but once before in your life; and what do you know about goods? No, I must wait another month, if the children's clothes are going to rags."
"But I thought you had a cousin in the

"So I have. She lives on Blaine Street, In a nice, forchanded way, too, for city

"Well, can't I go there? She would help me shop. I'm sure, if she would, I can do just as well as you." "Why, yes; I didn't think of that—and

we're suffering for the things. If I could only trust you, now, it would be such a comfort."
"And why can't you trust me, I should

like to know?" asked Sally, indignantly.

"Yes, a d that's the trouble," murmur-ed her mother, in an undertone. "If I could only be sure you would find your cousin I think I would allow you to go." Of course I can find her,' delighted at the pro-pect, for she had not been to the city for years, and the recol-

lection of its splendors remained.

The farmer's wife thought the matter over. There was time for Sally to get ready to leave on the four o'clock train, The mother could write down a list of ali the articles she needed, and the prices she wished to pay for them. Sally might go first to her cousin's, who would probably

go with her to the stores. Never was there a happier girl than Sal ly, as with flushed checks she hurriedly made her preparations. Going to the city alone, on her own responsibility, was like going to Paradise. She had a little money going to Paradise. She had a new and which she had earned by hard work and which she had earned by hard work and elf-denial, and as her great ambition wa to own a crimson merino dress, she deci-

was a man of very few words.
"What! Sally going?" was all he had deigned to say, when the project was men-

When he parted from her in the cars, e said, "Now look out for yourselt," and

She sat quietly watching the strangers who came in, and soon the seats were who came in, and soon the seats were taken, with the exception of the one by her side. She was looking out of the win-dow, when some one touched her on the shoulder, and she was startled by a be face near her own. The man asked if the om; anion. Her stealthy glances took an inventory of her gorgeous apparel. In her ears were shining ear-rings; a thick chain hung about her rings; a thick chain hung about her neck; a long chain over her bosom; beautiful flowers and bright-colored feathers were in her har bar har beautiful flowers. profusion of golden curls below the laces

oranges, and the lovely lady, smiling most graciously, put one in her hand, the delighted girl felt all at once as if she could adore, where before she had admired You will excuse me," said the lady, with another smile, that went right to Sally's heart; "you remind me of a sister Lonce had. Just such heavenly blue were her eyes; just like yours did the rose man-

tle on her cheek. Ah, she is an angel The lady placed a corner of her lace handkerchief to her eye, and Sally felt very much as though the warm lears were prof ssional thieves, from whose clutches rushing up to her own lashes. It was

easy to see why this lovely lady took such interest in her, and she felt proud and

Forgetting her mother's caution, that she should not enter into conversation with strangers, foolish Sally became very

"Mrs. Tapson?" exclaimed the new acquaintance, as Sally mentioned her cous-in's name. "Why, I know where she lives, and I am quite intimate in the family. But it's very unfortunate she has left

the city for the summer,"
"Has she? O, dear! what shall I do?" queried Sally, who had not anticipated this difficulty.
"Why, I think I can set you quite at

your ease," was the smiling reply. "I am stopping with my brother, the gentleman ton saw with me, and you shall be very welcome to stay at our house for a day or "No, indeed, I couldn't do that," said Sally. "If you will tell me where to find

new acquaintance.

"I don't know but I shall keep you with me a few days," the latter laughingly said, "and take you out to see the sights. Think of concerts, and the theater, and a

"On yes, I have dreamed of them," said simple Sally; "but mother expects me house to morrow,"
"But we can telegraph to mother that you are detained for a little. That will be all right."

On arriving at the depot, the man, whom Sally had sacrely had time to notice, save that he had a very long and very black moustache, ordered a carriage. Without the black stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, the hack stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, the hack stopped before a fall, displated streets, and the stopped before a fall, display-looking brick displated streets, and the stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, and the stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, and the stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, and the stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, and the stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, the hack stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, the lack stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, the lack stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, the lack stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets, the lack stopped before a fall, daily-looking brick displated streets and the call display looking brick displayed before the decided and the new Constitution adopted. In the stopped before a fall daily should be supported from Finance Committee of Sally noticed that the lail was very long the support display looking brick displayed by the support display looking brick displayed by the support ncessantly that she had not much chance

Another voice replied, a low whisper,

but quite audible, the answer—
"Yes, I'm sure she is asleep. I threw it on the top shelf in the closet. Let it re-main there till to-morrow, She won't

wake till morning." For a few moments she listened too much frightened to speak, though in the darkness she thought she saw some one gliding out of the room. In a few moments her friend of the car-scal returned,

Very early, according to country habit, Sally was up, excited, and trying to decide what she had better do. With rapidly looking out upon a miserable yard, across which a lean, gray cat was crawling rather than walking. Sally watched the cat's motions with strained eyes. The fact is, she had left her money in her little bag ed to purchase one on this trip.

Her father drove her to the depot. He the night before. She opened the bag and

it was not there! Even in her fright, she remembered what she had heard on awaking in the night, and all the spirit of her ancestors of '76 was roused within her. She understood that she had been trapped, and when, left her, as if she had been a piece of mer- not long after, her beautiful friend-some way she did not look so beautiful in the morning light—asked her to go down to

breakfast with her, she answered—
"Please leave me alone a few minutes. I want to say my prayers. "Certainly, you dear child," was the bland reply. "Never forget to say your J. U. A.

rded prayers Lett alone, Sally did offer a prayer to replied that it was. Then the man beckoned, and presently appeared a very beautiful young lady—in Sally's eyes, at least
—and, with a darzling smile, crushed her
rustling silks against Sally's gray alpacea.

After that, Sally had eyes only for her

to do for help, and at the same time hurried to the closet, where she rightly divined they had thrown her money. Yes, there
they had thrown her money. Yes, there
they had thrown her money. Yes, there
was her pocket-book on the shelf. She
grasped it cagerly, and concealed it in her
dress. Then she went down to breakfast.

After that, Sally had eyes only for her After the meal was over, she said she himfrom the House wished to go into the streets for a walk. he claimed a seat." and insisted boldly upon going alone. Fortunately, the woman allowed her to

were in her hat; five rings on one un-gloved hand, the other was encased in the daintiest of kids; the lovely hair hung in a where, after telling her story, she fainted and roses that adorned her head. For a away in the most approved manner. A long time Sally sat and mused in silent city girl could not have done it better.

admiration: but when the centleman, who for three or four weeks, and Mrs. Pringle was obliged to go to the city, after all, and in due time that momentous shopping was

Sally never forgot her trip to the city, and its unpleasant accompaniments-that might have been tragic. It certainly

taught her, as it ought to teach all girls James Lloyd Green, of Norwich, for Govern-tacked the who read this story, to avoid demonstra-or. The resolutions adopted favor a re-driven off. tive people, who force their attentions upon strangers. Nor does she ever see gold ornaments and a profusion of finery upon persons in public conveyances, but she unconsciously ranks them with the she so narrowly escaped .- Fouth's Com-

A FUNNY limb of the law had an office next door to a doctor's shop. One day an elderly gentleman of the old fogy school blundered into the shop. "Is the doctor in?" "Don't live here," said the lawyer, who was in full scribble over some legal tions skillfully rut by the woman, till decuments. "Oh, I thought this was in presently har companion knew how many office." "Next door," "Pray, sir, can office, "Next door," "Pray, sir, can the control of the doctor many perfect the was on her way to the liests?" "Not living." The old gentle-

NEWS SUMMARY

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. Governor Garland of Arkansas telegraphed

as follows to President Grant on the 15th: To the President of the United States

To the President of the United States

If there is a White League or any kindred association in this state I do not know it, and I have asked for those who assert it to be brought before the Grand Jury of this county, now in session, it shows the facts, pledging all the power of this Goevrinnent to break them up, and to punish those that do belong to them; and call upon the Legislature now sitting to pass the most strangent laws to this end.

A. H. GARLAND, Governor of Arkansas.

The following facts.

The following dispatch was published on

Sally. "If you will tell me where to find a quiet, respeciable hotel, I will only stay to-morrow, and then take the evening train home."

"My dear child, no earthly consideration would induce me to leave you at a strange hotel," was the energetic reply. "Regard for your parents, and for you, would prevent me from doing so stupid a thing. No, no; I shall take you home with me, I am at perfect liberty to do so. It is my brother's house."

The woman was so carnest, and apparently sincery, that Sally yielded, and grew.

Governor Taylor of Wisconsin delivered.

Taylor of Wisconsin delivered.

The woman was so earnest, and apparently sincere, that Sally yielded, and grew quite light-hearted as she chatted with her his message to the Legislature on the 14th. In referring to Louisiana affairs, he says: "I do not wish to prejudge facts, but if authority exists in any branch of the Federal Gov-ernment for what appears to be assumed by great many beautiful things that I dare say you never dreamed of seeing."

"O, yes, I have dreamed of them," said simple Sally; "but mother expects me dispatches from New Orieans, I believe the recent proceedings in Louisiana, and in the

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 17.—Hon. W. W. Rel-

ber companion of the cars talked to her so incessantly that she had not much chance for observation. She did notice that the men wore a profusion of hair, badly kept, and were not particular as to cleanliness or neatness of attire.

"You see my brother has some of his friends in to-night," said the young woman, as she led the way to her room. "He has a great many business people in his confidence, and is so free-hearted that they often come in to meals. There, I suppose you won't care to go down again. This is my room, which I will share with you, Ey-and-by I shall come up. I hope yot will rest well."

Left alone, Sally, who was very tired, compared this apartment, with its faded, I threadbare furniture, with her own little, sing, white room at home.

"They must be either poor or careless," is he said, sleepily; and, wishing she could have found her cousin at home, she said her prayers, and went to bed.

It must have been about the middle of the night when she awoke from some unpleasant dream. As she opened her eyes, she noticed a slight rustling near her, and distinctly heard the question—

"Hush' don't streak so loud. Where "Hish' don't streak so loud

distictly heard the question—
"Hush! don't speak so loud. Where did you put the money?"

was arrested in Washington, on the 18th, on a few days previously on a young school girl of that city at the instance of Alexander R. of that city at the instance of Alexander R. named Morgan. Shepherd, on a charge of libel. He was also subsequently served with another process on a civil suit for libel, at the instance of ex-Governor Shepherd, damages being laid at explosion on the 16th.

elects Joseph E. McDonald (Dem.); Maine, ing to escape.

The Patrons of Husbandry of Louisiana and der throughout the United States indorsing the report of the sub-committee of Congress. The address concludes as follows: "Believe and John Vanderleen and Micky Kelly. us, this report, made by gentlemen of the North, and intelligent Congressmen of both political parties, tells you the truth. We refer it to you, and trust every Patron to whom

this appeal may come, may give it an attentive J. U. Vaugh, through his attorney. Judge John A. Campbell, has filed a petition in the

Governors Bedie, of New Jersey, and Cochran, of Maryland, and Lieutenant-Governor

COMMERCE AND INDINTR.

Gold closed in New York, on Jan. 20, at

112 1-1. The Secretary of War has sent to the House Gladstone has written a letter announcing river to the Gulf. After a thorough exami- laborious public life, I think myself entitled

structed water-way to commerce in the place | years of my life. My conduct in Parliament of a narrow and obstructed one. If the will continue to be governed by the same question of cost and maintenance be consid- principles as hitherto, and arrangements to ered, there is, for the Fort St. advance the convenience of the Liberal party Philip Canal, the estimated sum of will have my cordial support." \$11.514.200 against \$7.942.110 for the pass. The Prussian Diet was opened on the 16th. While the Board is of the opinion that a canal | The King's speech was devoted entirely to can be built at the estimated cost, they re- local affairs. sippi be improved by the plan which they telar declares that he will refuse to take his submit. They further recommend that if seat in the cortes if he is required to swear Congress decide to open one of the passes of allegiance to monarchy. the river, the entire sum necessary to accom-

A dispatch from Topcka, Kansas, 14th, says: Twenty-one men have been brought in her hopes are in her navy.

bers then hastily gathered up all the currency they could find, amounting to about \$10,000, fortunately overlooking a package containing \$15,000. They were disturbed by a woman coming to the front door, and retreated by the back door, crossed the river on the ice, and were seen to enter a sleigh and

drive oft. At Helena, Montana, on the night of the 13th, the mercury froze in the thermometers, and small quantities of mercury in vials also congealed. Proof whisky placed out of doors froze solid in half an hour. Four Chinamen. who left Helena on the 12th, were found on the following morning, about a half-mile from the town, frozen to death. The whisky they had with them, in small kegs, was frozen

At Urbona, Ohio, early on the morning of the 17th, a hand of some thirty or forty masked men forcibly took a prisoner named G. W. Ullery from the jail, and hung him to a tree until he was dead. Ullery was arrested on the charge, and had confessed to was arrested in Washington, on the 18th, on the crime, of committing a horrible outrage

Four men engaged in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine, on a small island below Communipaw, N. J., were instantly killed by an

A tenement house in Brooklyn, N. Y., oc The Legislatures of Delaware, Indiana, cupied by five families, was burned on the Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, night of the 19th. Mrs. Blood and her two Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, sons jumped from a second-story window and Tennessee held elections for United States the mother being instantly killed and both Senators on Tuesday, Jan. 19, being the sec- sons fatally injured. Ellen McCormick als ond Tuesday after the organization of their jumped from a window and was seriously in respective Legislatures, as provided by act of jured, while her father, Timothy McCormick, Congress. As indicated by the result of the was suffocated in the building. Other occuvote taken separately in each house. Indiana pants were more or less injured in endeavor-

Hannibal Hamlin (Rep.); Missouri, Francis A Salt Lake dispatch of the 20th says: A M. Cockrell (Dem.); New York, Francis fearful storm is reported in the Sierra Nevo-Kernan, (Dem.); Pennsylvania, William A. das and vicinity. A number of bridges on the Wallace (Dem.) In the other States men- Central Pacific Railroad have been washed tioned the balloting did not result in any away, among others that at Sacramento, Last night at 7 o'clock a snow-slide occurred at Alta City, Little Cottonwood Canon, Utab. The Mississippi have issued an address to the or-slide came into the upper portion of the town. demolishing two houses, and killing six per-sons—James Carey, his wife and two children.

Two executions took place in Pennsylvania on the 20th. At Philadelphia Frederick Heidenblut was hanged for the murder of Godfrey Kuhule on the 31st of December. 1873; and at Greensburg Samuel Beighley was hanged for the murder of Kerr, in No-

It was rumored in Washington, on the 18th, that the President had concluded to recommend to Congress at an early day the recognition of the belligerent rights of Cuba. A very serious mutiny occurred in the Pen-

but was fortunately quelled without blood-The President sent a special message to

140 votes to C. F. Adams' 98 and 31 scatter- The enemy loss one hundred and seventy-one killed and a large number of wounded.

King Alfonso entered Madrid on the 14th. The police have closed all socialist and trades-unions in Frankfort.

a report of the Board of Engineers appointed his withdrawal as leader of the Liberal party to prepare plans and estimates for deepening in England. He says: "I see no public adone or more of the natural outlets of the Miss vantage in my continuing to act as leader of sissippi River, and also for a canal from the the Liberal party. After forty-two years of 962 skins to the Boston market last year. the same and that the start in the start in

Pass would be best, as it would give unob- garding the method of spending the closing

The King's speech was devoted entirely to local affairs.

It is stated from Madrid that Senor Castelar declares that he will refuse to take his seat in the Cortes if he is required to swear allegiance to monarchy.

The German Chancellor has submitted to the Federal Council an archive an exception. commend that the South Pass of the Missis- It is stated from Madrid that Senor Cas-

a llegiance to monarchy.

The river, the entire sum necessary to accomplish the work will be appropriated at once, or in some way be made available. If the mouth of the river is to be improved by jetting the work, when begun, should be pushed as rapidly as possible to its entire completion.

The Cook County National Bank of Chicago is uspended payment on the 18th. The President, Mr. B. F. Allen, assures depositors that no loss will occur to them, their payment being only a question of time.

George F. Paldock & Co.'s Bank, at Watertown, and work of the good of the positors that no loss will occur to them, their payment being only a question of time.

George F. Paldock & Co.'s Bank, at Watertown, N. Y., he's suspended payment. The liabilities are supposed to greatly exceed the labilities are supposed to greatly exceed the liabilities are supposed to greatly exceed the labilities are supposed to greatly exceed the liabilities are supposed to greatly exceed Germany cannot raise a third army, and them,
2. The first section of the bill under considera

JAN. 19. - Senate-Mr. Wright, from the onumitiee on Finance, reported adversely on of the nation. U.
Executive Mansion, Jan. 14, 1875. the act to reduce internal taxes, approved June 6, 1872, and it was indefinitely postponed ence on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon the House bill to amend existing Customs and Internal Revenue laws and for other purposes, made a report, which was read. He said the report was substantially the same as reported last session, with the exception of the duty on hops, which had been raised to eight cents per pound. The House proposed a duty of ten cents per pound, but the committee acreed upon eight cents. Two sections, relating to tobacco and the sale of bonds, etc., which were the principal subjects of disagreement last year, were now both stricken out. The report was acreed to ... The amendment to the Appropriation bill, providing for the organization of a Bureau of Commerce, was defeated—yeas, 21; mays, 28. Another amendment, appropriating \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the present Bureau of Statistics, was carried. After an executive session the Senate adjourned, House-Messers, Storm, Sypher and Chittenden denied indignantly the truth of the charges that they had been implicated in the Pacific subside scandal. Telegrams were also received from D. W. Voorhees of Indiana, and Boyd Winchester of Keatucky, protesting against allegations made against them in connection with the Pacific Mail subsidy, and requesting to be subponized.

E. R. Hear offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee to inquire whether the privileges of the House have been violated by the

Jan. 20 .- Senate-The Vice-President laid Tan. of Maryland, and Lieutenant-Governor Latta, of Pennsylvania, were inaugurated on the 19th. Governors Redde and Cochran. in their messages, and Lieutenant-Governor Latta in his address, all denounce the recent action of the Federal authorities in Louisiana.

The New York Republican Central Committee have adopted resolutions sustaining throughout the action of President Grant in the Louisiana matter, and setting forth that, even if what was done was illeral, it was done without the knowledge of the President, and with the sincere desire of the officers of the Government to perform simply their duty, and with the sincere desire of the officers of the Government to perform simply their duty.

The Connecticut Republican State Conventions, beld on the 20th, nonimated Mayor James Lloyd Green, of Norwich, for Governous to perform simply their duty.

James Lloyd Green, of Norwich, for Governous the President's action in reference to Louis-running and an analysis of the President's action in reference to Louis-running and purpose of the British war ship Sandiy, but were driven off.

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THERE lives in the vicinity of Hanover a democratic workingmen's societies and the gill of such exquisite beauty that people come from long distances just to get a peop at her, but unfortunately she has an incurable passion for bunting skunks, and a close approach to her person is far from BUTTERS. She makes money out of her nge avocation, however,

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Dip the man who wrote the song, "There's music in the mid-night breeze, refer to c. 18?

Qualis-Things taken from the pinions of one goose to spread the opinions of an-other.

by a gentleman whether he had taken any remedy, replied, "No, I ain't taken any remedy, but I've taken lots of physic." THE Scientific American just by denounces

the habit of visitors kissing the baby. A strictly pathological view of the subject

leads to the belief that the best way is to kiss the mother, when she is young and pretty, and let her give it to the infant,— Breaklyn Argus. "An, Sam, so you've been in trouble, hab you?" "Yes, Jim, yes," "Well, well, cheer up, man; adversity tries us, and shows up our best qualities." "Ah,

but adversity didn't try me; it was an old wagabond of a Judge, and he showed up my worst qualities." A young lady who has just returned A YOUNG lady who has just returned from Europe, advises her friends not to go there, "unless you are sure that you know enough to appreciate the beauties of Europe. It lends such a charm to Italy to remember that among those groves of olives the immortal Beethoven sculptured the Medicean Venus, and Shakspeare composed the sublime poem of Parabise Lost."

Ax old lady in town has become disgusted with almanaes. She says if all the people in the country were to stop buying almannes, "maybe the printers who make 'em would put in some total eclipses of the sun and moon, and some transits of

Venuses that would be visible here." Norristown Herald. My Deaf Wife and Aunt.

The following story is an old one, but good that it will bear reprinting occa-

ionally: I had an aunt coming to visit me for the first time since my marriage, and I don't know what evil genius prompted the wick-edness which I perpetrated toward my wife and ancient relation.
"My dear," said I to my wife, on the day before my aunt's arrival, "you know

Aunt Mary is coming to-morrow, Well, I torgot to mention a rather annoying circumstance with regard to her; she is very deaf, and although she can hear my voice, vet you will be obliged to speak extreme-ly loud in order to be heard. It will be rather inconvenient, but I know you will do every thing in your power to make her visit agreeable."

Mrs. Opic announced her determination I then went to John N—, who loves a joke about as well as any person I know of, and told him to be in the house the next evening at 6 p. m., and felt compara-

tively happy.
I went to the railroad depot with a carriage next night, and when I was on my way home with my aunt, I said: "My dear aunt, there is one rather annoying in-tirmity that Annie (my wife) has, which I forgot to mention before. She is very deaf, and although she can hear my voice, to which she has become accustomed, in its ordinary tones, yet you will be obliged to speak extremely loud in order to be heard. I am very sorry for it."

Aunt Mary, in the goodness of her heart, protested that she rather liked speaking loud, and to do so would afford

The carriage drove up; on the steps was my wife; ip the window was John X..... with a face is utterly solemn as if he had suried his relatives that afterne "I am delighted to see you," shrieked

site side of the steps. aunt fell down the steps. aver dear," bawled my aunt, "Kiss me, my dear." bawled my and the wind ws shook as with the and ague. I looked at the window, John had disappeared. Human nature could tand it no longer. I poked my head into the carriage and went into strong convul-

When I went into the parlor my wife was helping Aunt Mary to take off her hat and cape; and there sat John with his face buried in his handkerchief.
"Did you have a pleasant journey?"

every way, to the end that he had been stated in the may be reached, by executing what I deem the most beneficial legislation on a most vital question to the interests and prosperity of the nation.

1. S. GRAST.

A Village on Ice.

ying around loose every day in the lum-

be taken up by even the impecunious, with

were numerous and ambitious enough to

son to be at least as complete as ever be-fore. The inevitable saloon was estab-

lished in a convenient locality some time ago, and it would not be very surprising

to hear that some ambitious fellow had erected a two-story hotel in the ice village

and was about to open it with a grand ball.

—Seginaw (Mich.) Paper.

a show-window, and suspended from it a tag with this legend: "Sandford's Patent

-aid Rustieus, eyeing it with suspicious

looks, and edging away apprehensively. I shouldn't think they would like it.

Rupture Trus-none like it."

The present season is peculiarly calculated to encourage the fishing business on the Sagmaw River and the bay. Not many and John nearly jumped to his feet, "Rather dusty," was the response, in a war-whoop, and the conversation conmen in this region, whatever their position or business, feel as if they could afford to

The neighbers, for blocks around, must idle away the winter months if any thing can be found by which an honest penny can be turned. Consequently, the fishing have heard it. When I was in the third story of the building I heard every word. In the course of the evening my aunt took occasion to say to me, "How loud business has received an unusual stimulus To engage regularly in fishing with nets your wife talks !"

I told her deaf persons talked loudly, and that my wife, being used to it, was not af-fected by the exertion, and that she was equires more capital than is to be found dollars may be very readily put into nets and other articles of outfit, but to spear fish through the ice is a business that may ge-ting along very nicely with her, Presently my wife said, softly, "Al, how very loud your aunt talks!"

little or no trouble. The spear costs but a moderate sum, and almost any one can get a blanket or two. Then a shan'y is You are getting along with her finely; she hears every word you say." rather think she did.

get a blanker and to serve as a shelter and resting place at night. To get up a shanty of the common style requires about 150 feet of half-inch matched ceiling. This makes a tight shanty, and costs only about makes a tight shanty, and costs only about a tight shanty and costs only about the end was near. My aunt, being of an inventive turn of mind, was desirous of finding out whether the exertion of talking was injurious to my wife. So—talking was injurious to my wife. said she in an unearthly whoop, for her be seen that the fisherman can tit himself

out at very little expense. If he has good luck, he may pay for hisentire outfit twice she was young. "It is an exertion," shricked my wife, over in a day's spearing.

A great many shanties are being added "Then why do you do it?" was the an-

to the village on the ice of the bay. The floating settlement will doubtless be much Because-because-von can't hear if larger this winter than ever before. In don't. "What !" exclaimed my aunt, rivaling previous seasons, it will be remembered, the inhabitants of this village on the ice

a railroad whistle this time.

I began to think it time to evacuate the have a regular municipal organization premises, and looking around and seeing with a Mayor, etc. We may expect the arrangements of this kind the present seafeet at right angles with his body, rolling from side to side, with his fist poked into his ribs, and a most agonizing expression of countenance, but not uttering a sound of countenance, but not utering a sounce.

I immediately and involuntarily assumed a similar position, and I think from the relative position of our feet and heads, and our attempts to restrain our laughter. apoplexy must inevitably have ensued, if a horrible groan which John gave vent to A votth, in accourrements that indicated his rustic origin, passing down

in his endeavor to suppress his bad not betrayed our hiding place. Broadway one aftern on last week, saw a hands maly embellished truss hanging in in rushed my wife and aont, who by this time comprehended the joke, and such a scolding as I got then I never got before,

and I hope never to get again.

I know not what the end would have been, if John, in his endeavors to be re-I shouldn't think they would like it." speciful and sympathetic, had not given vent to such a groan and horse-laugh that As a Louisville girl was taking leave of all gravily was uptet, and we screamed in

ev out of her having ent hing rec ntiv, she said to him: "If you I know it was wrong, and all that, to ever hear that I am in the habit of allowing tell such a falsehood, but I think that Mrs. my male acquaintances to kiss me good- Opie herself would have laughed if she

ever hear that I am in the habit of allowing by you mustn't believe it, as I seldom had seen Aunt Mary's expression wher a low such liberties." The close of that she was informed that her hearing was do